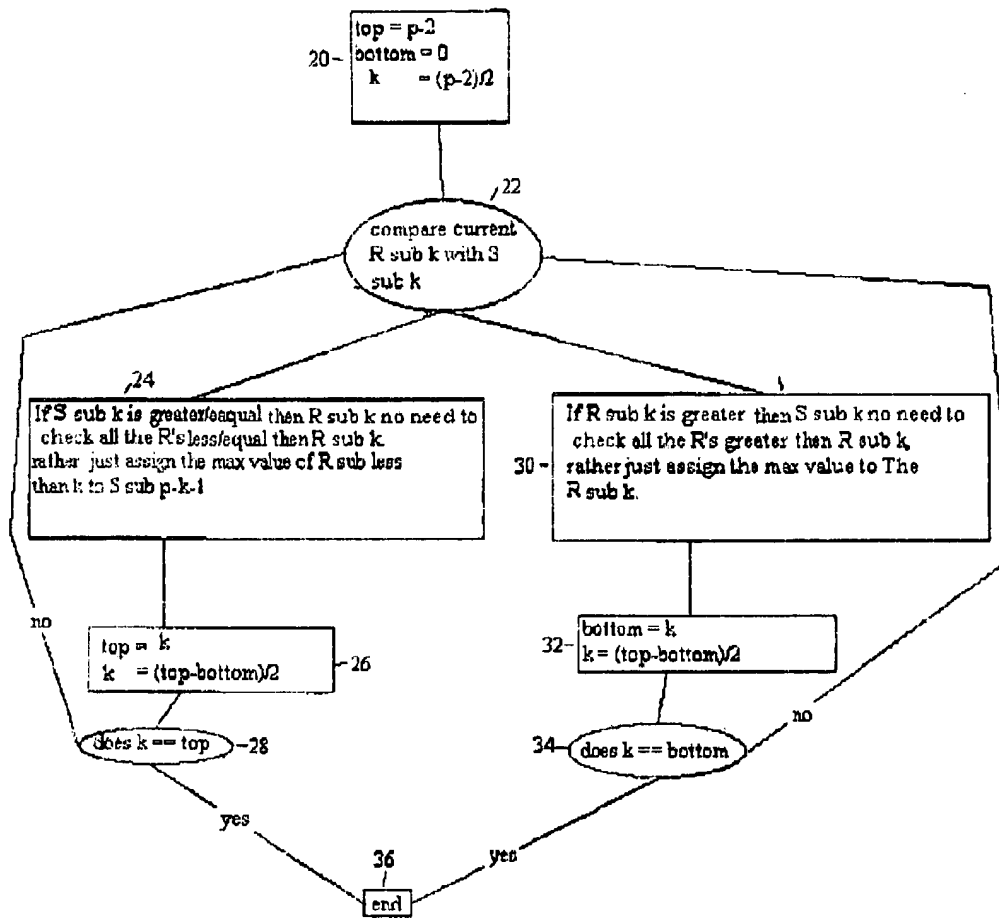


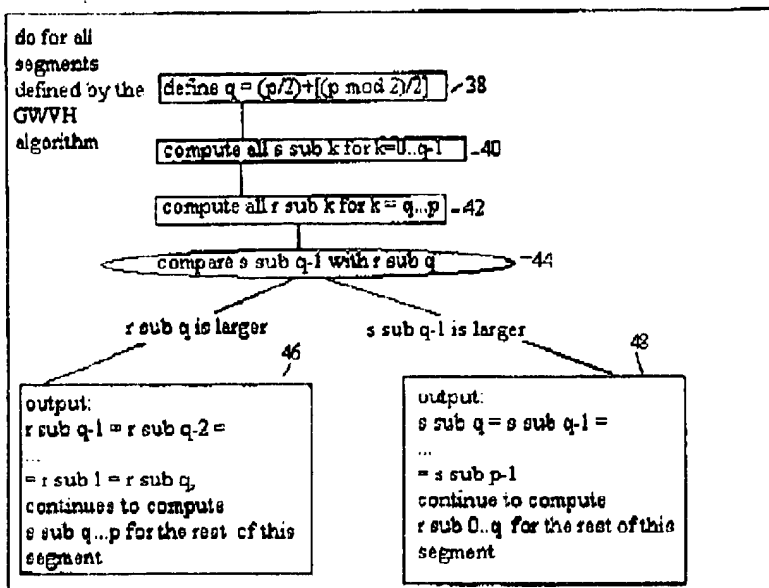
Fig. 1

An efficient merger
procedure



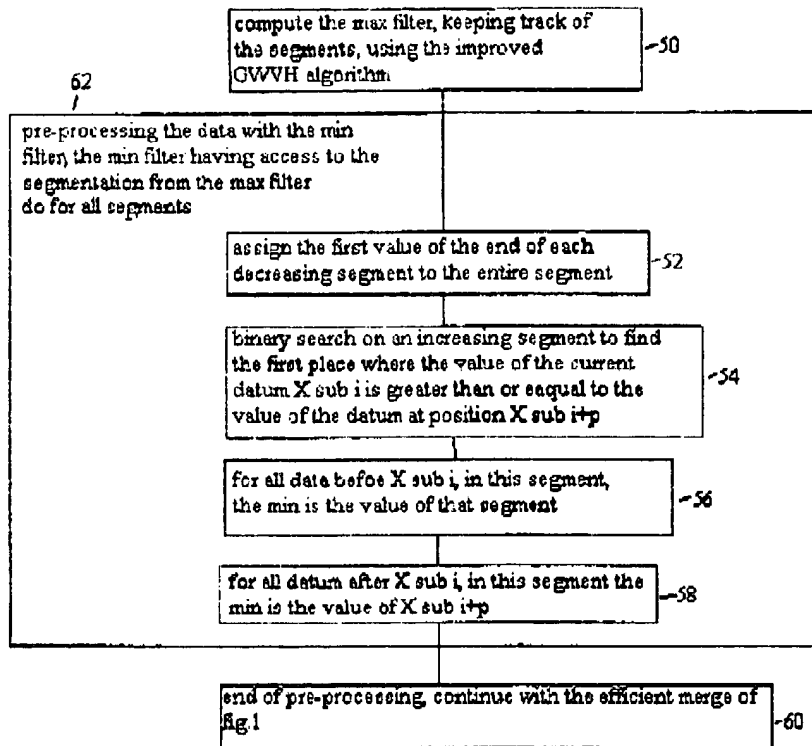
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Fig. 2
an efficient
pre-
processing
procedure



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Fig. 3
an efficient
opening filter



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